

Clearances

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Liaison Staff
Chief, Legislation Staff
Chief, C&R Staff

FROM:

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Congressional Staff Clearances

1. I have recently scanned the computer listing of clearances for congressional staff personnel. I find that there are some clearances still on the books for personnel who have left the committees. Some of the committees have an enormous number of staffers with very high clearances--are they necessary? Some of the committees represented with highly cleared personnel have no real need--that I know of--for compartmented clearances.

2. I would like you to have each of your people look over this listing and give me a rationale for each and every clearance falling within your jurisdiction. It may well be that we can go to the Staff Directors and go over the list of their committee with them and take off some of these personnel. We should be able to explain each clearance for each staffer. I want a list back from you, compiled by your staff, of personnel who can be taken off the computer listing (this means debriefing of these people), a list of who should be left on and a rationale for each one to be left on the listing.

3. I would like this no later than midday 9 June so something can be included in the Highlights book for my meeting with the Director on Monday. If there are any problems with this, please let [REDACTED] know and they will be worked out.

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